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前 言

(一) 《精通英文成语》

英文成语 (English Idioms) 是由两个以上单词组成的习惯用语, 非同一般短语 (phrase), 为数甚多, 势必多读常记, 不论是会话、阅读、写作等, 都会随时出现, 非常重要; 如: in the long run (久而久之), 照字面直译, 可能辞不达意。所以英文成语变成一类专门知识, 广为所用, 是报考大学及出国留学托福考试的必备知识。书的内容按字母顺序编成。

(二) 《英文成语练习》

本书是根据《精通英文成语》之内容, 按成语第一个字母 A、B、C、……Y、Z 的顺序编为 10 个练习, 一则温习所有成语, 二则测试记忆成绩, 其目的为“温故而知新”也, 读者不可忽略。

(三) 上列《精通英文成语》及《英文成语练习》两书, 合为英文成语全部, 是综合读物, 经常翻阅, 效益良多。

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Exercise 1

A 字部分 (共 50 题, 每题 2 分, 满分 100 分)

1. Choose the proper one. 选出一个合适的 (20%)

- ABCDE 1. There are many students who believe it.
(A) a great deal of (B) the number of
(C) a great number of (D) only a few
(E) a large quantity of
- ABCDE 2. They were all in at the end of the race.
(A) all in the room (B) exhausted
(C) falling down (D) driven away
(E) altogether
- ABCDE 3. I would stay at home as soon as not.
(A) as soon as I could not (B) not at all
(C) unwillingly (D) more willingly
(E) but I could not
- ABCDE 4. A farmer is as good as any other man.
(A) the same as (B) practically
(C) kind to (D) almost
(E) stronger than
- ABCDE 5. They were all at sea when they tried to compute their income taxes.
(A) swimming in the sea (B) all sailors
(C) going to the seaside (D) very happy

Answers

1. C 2. B 3. D 4. A 5. E

- (E) completely puzzled
6. She was far from happy at the news.
 (A) nothing but (B) anything but
 (C) very (D) not at home
 (E) at all
7. You should avail yourself of the opportunity to speak English here.
 (A) make use of (B) take the advantage of
 (C) turn into account (D) attend on
 (E) appeal to
8. As always, Tom is late again for the lesson.
 (A) As a matter of fact (B) As a whole
 (C) As a result (D) As a rule
 (E) As usual
9. All of a sudden the wind came up.
 (A) All at once (B) All in all
 (C) All in (D) At a loss
 (E) All but
10. The suspect is still at large, but he will be caught sooner or later.
 (A) at liberty (B) at long last
 (C) in the long run (D) at intervals
 (E) at full length

2. Choose the improper one. 选出一个不合适的 (20%)

11. Lucy paid me a visit now and then.
 (A) at times (B) more often than not
 (C) even so often (D) once in a while

Answers

6. B 7. A 8. E 9. A 10. A 11. C

- (E) at intervals
- ABCDE 12. Mary was by no means pleased with his conduct.
 (A) not at all (B) anything that
 (C) not a bit (D) far from
 (E) not ... in the least
- ABCDE 13. At any rate, I'll find out the secret.
 (A) In any case (B) On all accounts
 (C) At all costs (D) At all events
 (E) By no means
- ABCDE 14. She went to the department store to buy dresses, lips sticks, and the like.
 (A) and what not (B) and so forth
 (C) and etc. (D) and other things
 (E) and so on
- ABCDE 15. Professor White possess a good many rare books.
 (A) no few (B) not a few
 (C) quite a few (D) lots of
 (E) but few
- ABCDE 16. Tom did not go to school yesterday.
 = (A) Tom was absent from school yesterday.
 (B) Tom absented himself from school yesterday.
 (C) Tom was absent himself from school yesterday.
 (D) Tom failed to go to school yesterday.
 (E) Tom did not attend school yesterday.
- ABCDE 17. (A) Her sudden disappearance has never been accounted for.
 = Her sudden disappearance has never been

Answers

12. B 13. E 14. C 15. E 16. C 17. B

explained.

(B) I will be responsible for her honesty.

= I will answer to her honesty.

(C) You may borrow the book as long as you keep it clean.

= You may borrow the book provided that you keep it clean.

(D) The wounded man must be sent to the hospital at a word.

= The wounded man must be sent to the hospital in no time.

(E) The moment he entered the room the telephone rang.

= No sooner had he entered the room than the telephone rang.

ABCDE 18.

(A) Why did she accuse you of theft?

= Why did she charge you with theft?

(B) The scientist is known all over the world.

= The scientist is known throughout the world.

(C) They were having a meal when I called.

= They were at the table when I called.

(D) All the books on the table are at your service.

= All the books on the table are at your disposal.

(E) The little girl is at stake. Try to rescue her.

= The little girl is in danger. Try to rescue her.

ABCDE 19.

Her father didn't approve of her marrying a

Answers

18. C 19. E

(A) agree to (B) consent to
(C) give his consent to (D) give agreement to
(E) add to

(A) in the power of the robber
(B) at the robber's mercy
(C) under the control of the robber
(D) on the control of the robber
(E) was dependent on the robber

A B C D E 21. (A) The boy answers to the name of Charles.
(B) She as good as to say that I am a liar.
(C) The car does not answer to her description.
(D) She applied herself to study English.
(E) In addition to teach English, Miss Lee teaches French.

ABCDE 23 (A) The poor couple was at odd with each other over trifling things.
 (B) His mother tried to make him as happy as

20. D 21. AC 22. DE 23. CE

possibly.

(C) She gave me a strange look as much as to say, "You are a liar."

(D) Such as studies hard will succeed some day.

(E) She went to town as was usual with her.

ABCDE 24.

(A) When I'm asked to do a little sewing, I'm always all thumbs.

(B) I'm at loss about her present whereabouts.

(C) We consider the boy to be stupid, but as it is, he is clever.

(D) As it is often the case with students, Tom burned the midnight oil last night.

(E) I'll try to make Tom acquaint with Lucy.

ABCDE 25.

(A) You should avail you of the books in the library.

(B) I can help you with your homework, but as to let you copy the exercise done by me, it is out of the question.

(C) She is all but ruined. = She is almost ruined.

(D) If you are poor, it is all better for you.

(E) This room will answer the purpose until we can find something better.

ABCDE 26.

(A) The man over there is far from honesty.

(B) He "boarded around", as it were, staying with any friend who could give him a place to write and a place to sleep.

(C) You must act according to circumstances.

(D) You will be praised or blamed according to your work is good or bad.

Answers

24. AC 25. CE 26. BC

- (E) Can you account us for the money you spent on your trip?
27. (A) One day a boy went to the White House to ask a favor of the President.
 (B) They were accustomed to get up early.
 (C) Does she accustom to getting up early in the morning?
 (D) You should have some principal to act.
 (E) I must admit to feel ashamed.
28. (A) Life is all in all to her.
 (B) I was all in all at the end of the race. I was tired out.
 (C) My traveling expenses were 3000 dollars all in.
 (D) She is not a bit tired, that is, she is very tired.
 (E) She applied her mind to studying Chinese history.
29. (A) She could not come here on time as the result of the heavy rain.
 (B) In the governor's absence, the lieutenant gover nor will act for him.
 (C) The new hat will add her to her beauty.
 (D) The captain, as well as his men, were killed by the enemy.
 (E) The camel is, as it were, a ship in the desert.
30. (A) They don't need such an old guard like me.
 (B) No sooner had she entered the room than telephone had rung.
 (C) The picture painted by her looks better at

Answers

27. AB 28. AE 29. BE 30. DE

the distance.

(D) This is the point at issue.

(E) The brave soldier saved the boy at the risk of his own life.

4. Translation: Choose the proper ones. 选出合适的
(多项选择) (20%)

A B C D E 31. 史密斯博士成为一位著名的科学家，但他却牺牲了健康。

(A) Dr. Smith became a famous scientist only at the expenses of his health.

(B) Dr. Smith became a famous scientist only at the cost of his health.

(C) Dr. Smith became a famous scientist only at the expense of his health.

(D) Dr. Smith became a famous scientist only to lose his health.

(E) Dr. Smith became a famous scientist only at the mercy of his health.

A B C D E 32. 我不知道为什么汤姆昨天没去上学。

(A) I don't know why Tom was absent from the school yesterday.

(B) I don't know why Tom did not attend to school yesterday.

(C) I don't know why Tom absent himself from school yesterday.

(D) I don't know why Tom did not go to school yesterday.

Answers

31. BCD 32. DE

- (E) I don't know the reason for Tom's absence from school yesterday.
- ABCDE 33. 利用机会, 那么你就能够认识她了。
- (A) If you avail yourself the opportunity, you will be able to make her acquaintance.
- (B) Avail yourself of the opportunity and you will be able to make her acquaintance.
- (C) Make use of the opportunity, and you will be able to make acquaintance with her.
- (D) Turn the opportunity to account and you will be able to make the acquaintance of her.
- (E) Take the opportunity into account and you will be able to be acquainted with her.
- ABCDE 34. 他的解释使我如堕五里雾中。
- (A) I'm quite at the sea in regard to his explanation.
- (B) I'm all at sea as regards his explanation.
- (C) I'm quite at a loss in respect to his explanation.
- (D) I'm quite puzzled as to his explanation.
- (E) His explanation makes me confused.
- ABCDE 35. 他认为他的成功是由努力而来。
- (A) He attributed his success to hard work.
- (B) He owned his success to hard work.
- (C) He owed his success to working hard.
- (D) He refered his success to hard work.
- (E) He said that his success was the result of hard work.
- ABCDE 36. 她一看到警察来就逃跑了。
- (A) As soon as she saw the policeman coming,

Answers

33. BCD 34. BCDE 35. ACE 36. ACE

she ran away.

- (B) As soon as she took to her heels, she saw the policeman coming.
- (C) She ran away at the sight of the policeman's coming.
- (D) Hardly she had seen the policeman when she ran away.
- (E) On seeing the policeman coming, she took to her heels.

A B C D E 37. 据我所知, 她根本不诚实。

- (A) To the best of my knowledge, she is far from honest.
- (B) So far as I know, she is not honest at all.
- (C) As far I am concerned, she is anything but honest.
- (D) Within my knowledge, she is by no mean honest.
- (E) To the full extent of my knowledge, she is not honest in the least.

A B C D E 38. 对于电视上的暴力问题, 我和你的看法不同。

- (A) As far as the problem of violence on television is concerned, I don't see eye to eye with you.
- (B) So far as the problem of violence on television is concerned, I don't agree with you.
- (C) I don't agree with you as to the problem of violence on television.
- (D) As far as the problem of violence on television is concerning, I don't see eye to eye with you.

Answers

37. ABE 38. ABC

- (E) As far as the problem of violence on television is concerned, I don't agree to you.
- AB CDE 39. 他说他在上海有不少好朋友。
- (A) He said he had many a good friends in Shanghai.
- (B) He said he had no few good friends in Shanghai.
- (C) He said he had a great deal of good friends in Shanghai.
- (D) He said he had a good many good friends in Shanghai.
- (E) He said he had a good few good friends in Shanghai.
- AB CDE 40. 汤姆就像一本活字典。
- (A) Tom is, as it is, a walking dictionary.
- (B) Tom is, as it stands, a walking dictionary.
- (C) Tom is, as it were, a walking dictionary.
- (D) Tom is, so to speak, a walking dictionary.
- (E) Tom is, as it was, a walking dictionary.

5. Choose the two wrong. 选出两个错的 (20%)

- AB CDE 41. I have two dictionaries. He has four dictionaries.
- = (A) I have half as many dictionaries as he has.
- (B) He has twice as many dictionaries as I have.
- (C) He has twice the number of my dictionaries.
- (D) He has two times the sum of my dictionaries.
- (E) I have half the number of the dictionaries he has them.

- AB CDE 42. (A) In addition to teach English, Professor

Answers

39. BDE 40. CD 41. DE 42. AD

White taught French.

(B) Our army occupied the city according to the original schedule.

= Our army occupied the city as originally planned.

(C) Every time I am at leisure, I listen to the radio.

= When I am at liberty, I always listen to the radio.

(D) His life is at stake. = His life is dangerous.

(E) Why did he abandon himself to drinking?

AB CDE

43. (A) I like the room as it is.

= I like the room as it stands.

(B) The game is as good as finished.

= The game is almost finished.

(C) Lucy is as good as her sister.

(D) When he was 10 years old, his father took him to Beijing.

= At the age of 10, his father took him to Beijing.

(E) The summer vacation is drawing near.

= The summer vacation is on hand.

AB CDE

44. (A) As always, John is late again for school.

= As usually, John is late again for school.

(B) You ought to spend two hours at least in the air every day.

= You ought to spend no less than two hours in the air every day.

(C) Stage fright accounted for her bad performance.

Answers

43. DE 44. AB